

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully solicit favorable reconsideration and Notice of Allowance.

Applicants present minor amendments to their specification to correct minor editorial oversights. The editorial oversights avoid new matter and are consistent with the original specification as a whole, including the Figures.

Applicants have amended claims in an effort to address the Examiner's constructive criticisms under 35 U.S.C. §112(2). The amendments to independent claims are intended to reflect consideration of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, namely for claims 3, 6, and 11. Other claims have been amended to correct dependencies. Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants believe the anticipation rejection of claims 12 and 13 is now moot. Applicants reserve the right to revisit this, if necessary, in a further continuation or further application. Canceled claims are without prejudice.

Applicants believe the obviousness rejection of the other claims in the Office Action at pages 3-5 can be favorably reconsidered and withdrawn in view of the claim amendments submitted herewith taking into account the Examiner's statements in the paragraph at the bottom of page 5.

If upon further review the Examiner believes that a matter was overlooked, or perhaps a new question has arisen, kindly telephone Applicant's undersigned legal

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111
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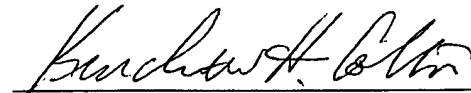
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representative so that all matters can be resolved in order to pass this case on to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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